

# The Wise Men

The wise men from the East journeyed West in quest of the King of the Jews who alone can unite East and West and gather His Kingdom subjects from the four corners of the earth -East, West, North and South. (Matt. 8: 11, Luke 13:29) In Rev. 7:9-10, His subjects are from all nations, and kindreds, and people and tongues. The gospel of Christ is not only for the Jews, but also for the Gentiles or nations and these wise men are a first fruits from aLL nations to acknowledge Jesus as King.

Where are the wise of today who acknowledge Jesus as the King? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? (1 Cor. 1 :20) The truth is hidden from the wise and prudent and revealed to babes (Luke 10:21). The Magi humbled themselves and became as Little children. (Matt. 18:3-4).

They had eyesight both physical and spiritual. They were blessed with insight - the revelation that this young child was Immanuel (God with us) and they worshipped Him ... not Mary, not Joseph, but Him. They recognized Him as the God-man, the fusion of His sinless humanity and Deity without confusion. The wise men also had foresight. They became worshippers and presented themselves as loyal subjects to this King. They offered Him their gifts - gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold is the most precious of metals, frankincense the most valuable of the perfumes and myrrh the most unique of the medicinal herbs.

The gold speaks of their tribute to Him as King. On earth, man crowned Christ with a crown of thorns. In Heaven, He wears a crown of gold. (Rev. 14:14) The frankincense or pure incense was a tribute to His Deity-the priests in the Aaronic order burned incense to God, a type of prayer and praise ascending to God from their hearts. In the myrrh, they saw His humanity and His sacrifice. Myrrh is a bitter substance and was used to embalm a dead body. Think of the bitter betrayal and the bitter sufferings He endured. His flesh saw no corruption. Jesus conquered death and rose from the dead on the third day in a body no more subject to death. He said to John on the isle of Patmos, "I am He that liveth and was dead and behold I am alive forevermore, Amen; and I have the keys of hell and of death." (Rev. 1: 18)

The whole gospel from His incarnation to His crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection and glorification was revealed to them. They were enlightened about this God-Man and His finished work on the cross that bore the superscription, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." The inquiry ended in discovery and having found Him, they worshipped Him as their King and their God and they went home another way. When we have fully learned to worship God with our entire being, He will take us home another way. May God count us among the wise. "The wise shall inherit glory, but shame shall be the promotion of fools." (Prov. 3:35)

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